**Long Term Promotion As ad-hoc Promotion**

4301. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether long term promotion has been treated as ad-hoc promotion for the purpose of option in pay fixation on promotion in terms of Department of Personnel and A.R. O.M.No. 7/1/80-Estt. PI, dated the 26th September, 1981 read with their O.M. No. 13/28/82-Estt. P.I, dated the 8th February, 1983;

(b) if so, the reasons for which Assistants/Stenographers Grade-C who have been promoted on long term basis (which is actually ad-hoc promotion), have been allowed to appear in S. Os/Stenographers, Grade 'B' Limited Departmental Competitive Examinations, for which only Assistants/Stenographers Grade-C with five years, regular/temporary services are eligible;

(c) what are the reasons for which those persons, who have been appointed/promoted on ad-hoc basis and subsequently appointed on long term basis (which is also ad-hoc) are still continuing and have not so far been made regular (Select List promotees) in spite of instructions issued by the Department of Personnel and Training in their O.M. No. 28036/8/87 Estt(D) dated the 30th March, 1988; so that they may get benefit of the aforesaid option; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in the matter and upto which time these persons are likely to be made regular (Select List promotees)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE I THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CSS Rules, 1962 provide for counting Long term officiation period as approved service for determining the eligibility criteria for Limited Departmental Examinations.

(c) and (d) O.M. No. 28036/8/87-Estt. (D) dated 30-3-1988 provides only the guidelines for identifying the ad-hoc vacancies and the mode of filling up of such vacancies.

Inclusion of long term appointees in the Select Lists are made depending upon the availability of such vacancies in different cadres from time to time.

**Women Veterinary Doctors in Indian Army**

4302. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that women are not allowed to join Indian Army as veterinary doctors even though otherwise qualified for it, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that some qualified women doctors had applied for the post of veterinary doctors, and they were rejected, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir. Because Remount & Veterinary Corps Officers are mostly deployed in forward areas/ high altitudes and have to undertake strenuous duties in uncongenial and hazardous conditions, applications for recruitment are invited only from male candidates.

(b) No qalified lady veterinary doctor has so far applied for Commission in the Remount & Veterinary Corps.

**Special Emphasis on the Health of mothers and Children in Eighth Five Year Plan**

4303. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a separate health sector planning in the Eighth Five Year Plan and there is special emphasis on health of women and children;

(b) whether it is a fact that success of population programme very much depend on the general health and status of women and children;

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to ensure that population programme is not at the cost of general health care and preventive medicare services; and

(d) whether Government propose to entrust the responsibility of actual planning implementation, monitoring and target setting of the population programme on local Mahila Mandals as 85% of sterilisations on women?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir. In the 8th Plan as usual Health & Family Welfare Sectoral Planning will be an integral part of the overall developmental planning. It is proposed to continue the emphasis on delivery of comprehensive promotive-Preventive and Curative Health Care Services of the mothers and children under the Family Welfare Programme for which a Steering Committee has been appointed by the Planning Commission.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Family Welfare Programme as being implemented at present is not merely a population control programme where in family planning services are offered as an integral part of a package of health services, with particular emphasis on maternal child health and nutrition. The maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services are envisaged to be further strengthened and expanded in the 8th Plan. The Child Survival Programmes and activities like Universal Immunisation Programmes (UIP), Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) and other prophylaxis programmes are proposed to be strengthened and attention would be paid to diseases affecting infants and children like diarrhoea and Respiratory infections etc. For enhancing safe motherhood, training of Dais, Immunisation to pregnant mothers, Ante Natal, Natal and Post Natal Care Services and the measures to prevent nutritional deficiencies, are proposed to be emphasised during the 8th Plan.

(d) During the 8th Plan, more active involvement of the Mahila Mandals in Family Welfare Programme is anticipated.

**Statutory status to the Lok Adalats**

4304. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have examined the proposal for proving statutory status to the Lok Adalats; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?